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TO : SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: GEORGE BUSH

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO RECEIVED ME AT 3 P.M. TODAY
(NOV. 1). I MADE THE ORAL PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED, LEAVING
HIM A COPY OF THE TEXT OF REFTEL'S PARAS 2-7. I MADE AN ORAL
PRESENTATION OF POINTS IN REFTEL'S PARAS 2-7.

PRESENTATION OF POINTS IN PARA 8 BUT DID NOT LEAVE A TEXT.
THIS INITIAL SESSION - 2. IN REGARD TO THE POINTS IN PARAS 2-8. CHIAC STATED

THIS INITIAL RESPONSE, PROMISING A CONSIDERED RESPONSE LATER WHICH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE, AND OUR SIDE HAS PUT FORWARD A DRAFT THAT THE TWO SIDES HAVE NOT AGREED UPON. (AFTER I POINTED OUT THAT THE US SIDE HAD NOW PUT FORWARD NOT ONE BUT TWO DRAFTS, CHIAO CONTINUED). YOU HAVE PROPOSED TWO DRAFTS AND WE HAVE PROPOSED ONE. I AM SURE THAT USLO CHIEF BUSH WILL CERTAINLY BE AWARE THAT WE

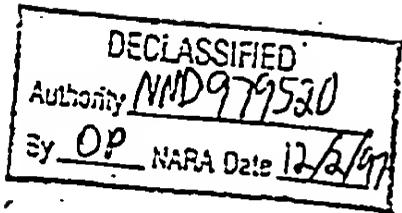
YOUR SIDE TODAY TO OUR PREVIOUS MESSAGE.
THEREFORE, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO ENVISAGE ANY AMENDMENTS BY US TO THE DRAFT JOINT PRESS STATEMENT THAT YOU SUBMITTED LAST TIME BECAUSE, AS I SAID PREVIOUSLY, IT IS NOT A PRESS STATEMENT OF A NORMAL NATURE.

... AS FOR WHAT WAS MENTIONED RECENTLY ABOUT A DESCRIPTIVE
PRESS COMMUNIQUE OF A NORMAL NATURE, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOUR
SIDE DID NOT FEAR THE CONSEQUENCES. I MUST FRANKLY SAY THAT
OUR SIDE MUST EVEN LEARN TO

ARE A PEOPLE WHO RESPECT FACTS, AND THAT IS HOW IT IS.
- THAT IS JUST AN INITIAL IMPRESSION. I WILL HAVE TO
STUDY THE MATTER FURTHER.

3. REGARDING THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT

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AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE PARTY, CHIAO CHARACTERIZED THESE BOTH AS "JUST TECHNICAL MATTERS," AND SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE PARTY, THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THE MANY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. HE SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE A REPLY TO ALL ASPECTS OF MY PRESENTATION (COMMUNIQUE, TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT AND ARRIVAL OF ADVANCE PARTY) AFTER FURTHER STUDY.

4. THAYER ACCCOMPANIED ME. SAME CHINESE WERE WITH CHIAO AS BEFORE EXCEPT NANCY TANG INTERPRETED, IN ABSENCE OF MR8. SHIH, AND SUI CHU-MEI WAS ADDED AS A NOTETAKER.

5. COMMENT: CHIAO SEEMED QUITE TIRED TODAY AND EVEN SEEMED SLIGHTLY TESTY IN EXPLAINING TO NANCY TANG ON TWO OCCASIONS WHAT HE WISHED TO HAVE INTERPRETED TO ME.

MANY REGARDS,

GEORGE BUSH

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